

Jordanian teen in Dallas bomb plot faces hearing

RP: Maintain stimulus efforts

Thousands flee severe floods in Botolan

Torre, 2 other Pinoy bets share lead

Pagasa warns 'Pepeng' may come back

That's Gibo! 'Ondoy' a bane and a boon



By Joseph R. Uy
and Lela B. Salaverria
MANILA, (JULIAN)
—Davao Secretary Gilbert "Gibo" Trancas Jr. has the books and the numbers to run for president. Unfortunately, same flood.

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By Nikko Diaz

A POWERFUL NEW TYPHOON YESTERDAY swept toward the Philippines, threatening to pull a storm lowering off northern Luzon back to the region for a second battering, weathermen said.

The typhoon, unofficially known as "Mina" with peak winds of 205 kilometers per hour and gusts up to 250 kph, was designated locally as "Ondoy".

Pagasa blamed the Philippine area of responsibility previously afternoon, but it

MANILA (AP)

Crop damage hits P6B

But food stocks are adequate, assures Yap

By Lela B. Salaverria
and Inquirer Northern Luzon,
Central Luzon and Southern Luzon

DAMAGE TO CROPS AND agriculture infrastructure caused by the one-two punch delivered by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and Typhoon "Pepeng" has exceeded P6 billion, according to Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap.

Yap yesterday said that the loss—broken down into P5.5 billion due to Ondoy and P950 million as a result of Pepeng—would likely rise after the rains subsided.

The plan to the damage to agriculture infrastructure, especially for irrigation, at P5 billion.

The agriculture secretary said some 200,000 metric tons of rice and 2,000 to 3,000 metric tons of vegetables were affected, while 10,000 to 15,000 metric tons of corn were damaged.

The impact of the losses on food security is "negligible" because the country has adequate stocks, according to Yap.

In four provinces of the third region, Pepeng destroyed some P75 million worth of crops, with rice production suffering the most, according to the Department of Agriculture.

A total of P65.7 million worth of rice in various stages of growth in 1,948

CRISP/AP

Bayanijuan folk grateful for safe haven

By Karen Capistrano
Inquirer Southern Luzon
and Southern Luzon de La Cruz
Correspondent

CALABANG, LAGUNA—FORMER VENDOR Lito Atienza, 55, wondered where he would be now—whether he would still be alive—if the waves still bring along a Manila rescue the night Tropical Storm "Ondoy" came.

That thought also ran through the mind of Cora Aguilera, 45.

Ondoy, Aguilera and their families used to live at Intero de Pao. In June, they were among the first 271 families

MANILA (AP)



COME HELL OR HIGH WATER: It's back to school for children, including this little girl standing on a rickety raft along a submerged street in Barangay San Juan, Tayas, Rizal, on Monday.

AP/WIDE

Classes resume but trauma lingers on

By Edwin C. Tanabe Jr.

SOME FLEE, SAG-OVER LOSING THEIR books and bags. Others were scared that teachers would scold them because they had lost their school uniforms. One girl had a different concern.

"Nasaan pa si Jhen?" the girl asked her teacher. She meant, "Where was Gido?"

The question—asked during a class—was not for students at Miriam College in Quezon City yesterday as schools resumed days after Tropical Storm "Ondoy" pummeled Metro Manila—seemed understandable.

The girl belonged to a family whose house was submerged in the monster flood. Her question was one which the school

teachers found difficult to answer.

Not only the students but even the teachers themselves underwent counseling sessions conducted by psychologists at Miriam.

The school's lower school assistant principal, Carmela Arellano, said the focus of the session was to comfort

CLASIFF/AP

Why Lubao? Gov, bishop ask GMA on 33rd visit

By Charlene Cayabyab
Inquirer General Correspondent

LUBAO, PAMPANGA—PRESIDENT Maunilio Arroyo yesterday led the distribution of relief goods to typhoon and flood victims here, but she failed to answer Gov. Edilberto Panillo and a Catholic bishop who said conditions were far worse in areas other than her hometown.

On her 33rd visit to the province this year, 5th Arroyo gave away food packs containing rice, instant noodles and instant soups to residents of Barangays San Agustin, Rosales, Sta. Catalina and Sta. Barbara. The items were inside bags bearing her name.

The people also received 400 packs of rice, said Councilor Roque Pardo, the municipal disaster action officer.

Floodwaters as high as four feet averaged 20 of the 44 villages at the height of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" on Sept. 26, Pardo said. But not one residence was evacuated since the people were used to the flooding, officials said.

Almost 50 percent of our town was under floodwaters. The water only subsided late

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Atienza's solution: Jail erring mayors

By Michael Lim-Ulat
and Christine O. Anandula

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY Lito Atienza has a solution to the garbage problem that was a major factor in the Sept. 26 flooding that hit Metro Manila: Jail erring mayors.

Atienza made the suggestion at a media conference today, saying that the garbage problem was a major factor in the Sept. 26 flooding that hit Metro Manila. He said that the garbage problem was a major factor in the Sept. 26 flooding that hit Metro Manila.

The act calls for garbage incineration, recycling and conservation.

ATIENTA/AP



GRATEFUL BICOL: A carrier bringing relief goods, heavy equipment and medical items from Bicol arrives in Manila late Sunday night.

AP/WIDE

BICOL RELIEF EXPRESS

Bicolanos repay kindness with kindness

By Ol' Yap

IN THE PAST, THEY WERE ON THE receiving end of assistance. This time, it was the turn of Bicolanos to repay kindness with kindness.

Inhabitants of Bicol towns ravaged three years ago by killer typhoons "Yolanda" and "Reming" found themselves in an unfamiliar position after

their storm-prone region was struck by the wrath of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and Typhoon "Pepeng."

Now, in a truly Filipino display of reciprocity, or "utang na loob," Bicolanos are offering a helping hand to residents of Metro Manila badly hit by Ondoy.

"It's our turn to return the generosity of those who helped us before," said

Isabel Banzon, a lawyer and president of Abo Bicol Foundation, citing the "overwhelming response" of Bicol to Metro Manila's call for assistance.

The Abo Bicol Center, composed of more than 30 cars, three trucks filled with donations, 10 dump trucks, and two dump trucks, relief on evacuation centers in Metro Manila and Bicol on

BICOLANOS/AP

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On World Teachers' Day, gov't hit for budget cuts

By Philip C. Toler

SHEDDING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY by providing additional education to the government for its divisions in at least 17 million for education from the proposed 2010 national budget.

The Alliance of Government Teachers (AGT) said the administration reduced the Department of Education's (DepEd) capital outlay budget by P1.61 billion while

the budget for the country's 100 most universities and colleges (MUC) was cut by P1.2 billion.

"AGT denounces the reduction in public spending on education that the Arroyo administration has been imposing to the tune of the global economic crisis. At a time when 5.6 million school-age children are out of school, the situation calls for greater investment in quality public education, not budget cuts," the group said in a statement.

AGT said Malacañang cut P1.61 billion.

For the Maintenance and Other Operating Expense (MOOE) budget of the DepEd while the allocation for its capital outlay (COT) was reduced by P1.61 billion.

Further cuts expected

"Further cuts are to be expected in 2010, with a projected P807 million for the MOOE and a huge P4.04 billion in the COT," the group said.

It noted that child services continued to be "the top priority of the Arroyo government," taking 10-12 percent of the proposed 2010 budget.

"The Arroyo government has

imposed tight controls on public sector salaries and other outlays on social spending, resulting in lowered salaries for teachers, worsening shortages of classrooms, teachers and other resources, and the forced closure of schools and universities," the group said.

AGT also called attention to the plight of thousands of teachers whose homes were devastated by the floods caused by Tropical Storm "Gusty" and the closure of Arroyo's education "vacation program" in response to the crisis.

As the same time, Arroyo

also nationalized the 40,000 strong ACT, paid salaries to the left whom contractors by private groups and individuals.

Relief materials for victims

In the past, the Teachers' Day in Cebu (TDC) committee, it scheduled relief materials for victims, providing as food, shelter, clothing and other relief materials.

Instead, TDC leaders will "help the victims of the tragedy by bringing relief materials to evacuation centers" to help them.

The relief, ACT and

TDC have been pushing for the passage of House Bill 5213, which seeks to pay P9,000 within a three-year period in the basic pay of teaching and non-teaching personnel.

Public school teachers receive a monthly salary of at least P2,000, up from P1,000 in 2008. They also get an additional P2,000 in "personal economic allowances."

HB 5213 will put teachers' salaries in par with military and police personnel, according to Education Secretary Arroyo. In 2008, 600,000 teachers were employed.

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Neither rain nor flood could stop bar examinees

By Norman Bontades

BAR EXAMINEES who took last year's bar examinations proved to be a hardy

and determined lot when it came to the rain and a flooded metropolitan and two rain-soaked cities.

Supreme Court deputy associate justice

Justice Jose Wilfredo Mangrove said yesterday that only one out of the 5,000 bar examinees failed to show up on Oct. 4 for the last of the six annual bar exams.

Justice Mangrove said that the rain and flood in Manila and other parts of the country did not stop the examinees from taking the exam.

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The last day of the exam was originally scheduled for Sept. 27 but was moved to Sept. 28 when the rain and flood in Manila and other parts of the country did not stop the examinees from taking the exam.

Overnight

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Botolan still suffers from flooding

By Robert Googay
Specialist Crime & Law

OLONGAPO CITY—As more than 3,000 evacuees in Zamboales started returning home on Monday after Typhoon "Pepeng" crossed southern Luzon, thousands more in Botolan town have remained in evacuation centers due to severe flooding there since August, local officials said.

General Mariano, provincial district coordinating council chief in Zamboales, said the 1,400 residents of Isla, Cail town, who were asked to leave their houses on Friday to avoid the floods that would be caused by Pepeng, had gone back home.

He said the provincial evacuation route ordered by DepEd Secretary Gilbert Yococo Jr. before Pepeng reached this area, the post-monsoon rains of Zamboales, however, still remain there. He said the evacuation route there has been the same.

At least 2,220 families in 7,300 households have been displaced in evacuation centers in the area since August.

Meanwhile, local government officials have returned to the villages of Timpas, San Miguel, San Jose, and San Antonio.



OVERCROWDED vehicles passing through one of the flood-prone areas of Botolan town in Zamboales.

and flooded on Saturday. In the village of Pasa and General, residents started to return home. They were told to return to their homes if they were not in evacuation centers.

Local government officials in Botolan said they had started receiving a regular supply of relief goods from the central government.

Botolan, a group of residents complained that they had not been getting food and supplies for several days.

They said the situation was not ideal because there were no evacuation centers in the area. They said the local government had to look for a solution.

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NEWS BRIEFS

MANILA CITY

Cops arrest rapist

MANILA—A 25-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday after being charged with rape. The man was arrested by police officers who were patrolling the area. He was charged with rape of a minor.

CEBU CITY

OPW's remains arrive

CEBU—The remains of a person who was killed in a fire were brought to Cebu on Tuesday. The remains were brought by a private company.

DAVAO CITY

Cops recover body

DAVAO—A body was recovered from a river on Tuesday. The body was recovered by police officers who were patrolling the area.

BATANGAS CITY

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Comelec exec alarmed over Samar killings

By Jay Gozum
Specialist Crime & Law

DAVAO CITY—An official of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) in Zamboales expressed alarm over the killings involving police with political opponents in Zamboales.

He said the killings were a serious threat to the peace and stability of the region.

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Fashion designers tap lowly water hyacinths

By Jean Francisco
Specialist Crime & Law

MANILA—There is more to water hyacinths than just being a nuisance. They can be used to make beautiful clothing.

Two fashion designers in Manila have started a business using water hyacinths to make clothing.



MANILA—Water hyacinths are being used to make beautiful clothing.

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Don't trust Mayon's lull, warns Phivolcs director

By Jay Gozum
Specialist Crime & Law

LEGASPI—The director of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) warned that the lull in activity of Mount Mayon is not a sign of safety.

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Japan stops Iran for Asia volleyball crown

JAPAN REINTEGRATED IRAN'S POWER GAME, AND GOT A BUMP UP FROM its huge player in scoring a come-from-behind 19-25, 25-18, 25-21, 25-23 victory yesterday in the Asian Women's Volleyball finals of the Asian Cup in Osaka.

The Japanese, losing during the previous two years in Jakarta, showed the predominantly Iranian crowd inside their stadium that the home-and-away depth is not all a necessary step of the 16-nation tournament's schedule for the first time in the country.

Iranian players and coaches were surprised to see the Japanese, who were not in the semifinals, win the title. Iran's coach, who was not in the semifinals, said the Japanese were not in the semifinals. Iran's coach, who was not in the semifinals, said the Japanese were not in the semifinals.

The Japanese team, led by its star player, won the title. The Japanese team, led by its star player, won the title. The Japanese team, led by its star player, won the title.



JAPAN'S Tetsuya Fukuda (left) attempts the defense of Iran's Bayan Mahmoudi (right) during the championship match.

Great Danes end NCAA stint in style

By Lawrence W. Papp

TWO GREAT DANE basketball players ended their college careers with a bang, leading their team to a victory in the NCAA men's basketball championship game on Sunday at the FedEx Forum in New Orleans.

Angelo State University's Brandon Smith and Andrew Smith, both seniors, led the team to a 75-66 victory over the University of Kentucky.

Smith, a senior, scored 20 points and led the team to a victory. Smith, a senior, scored 20 points and led the team to a victory.

The team's victory was a surprise, as they were not expected to win. The team's victory was a surprise, as they were not expected to win.

Eaglets, Lady Falcons seek title sweeps

By Lawrence W. Papp

THE ARROYO BLUE EAGLETS HOPE to win the UAAP championship again today, while the Lady Falcons hope to win the UAAP title for the first time.

The Arroyo Blue Eaglets, who were the runner-up in the UAAP championship last year, are looking to win the title today. The Arroyo Blue Eaglets, who were the runner-up in the UAAP championship last year, are looking to win the title today.

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UAAP inks five-year deal with ABS-CBN

A MULTIMEDIA NETWORK INC. (MNI) has inked a five-year deal with ABS-CBN for the UAAP championship.

The deal, which was announced today, will allow ABS-CBN to broadcast the UAAP championship games. The deal, which was announced today, will allow ABS-CBN to broadcast the UAAP championship games.

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FEU Tams dominate table tennis

By Lawrence W. Papp

FEU TAMS DOMINATED the UAAP table tennis tournament, winning all four titles.

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PAPPC AWARDS

By Lawrence W. Papp

THE PHILIPPINE AMATEUR PAPER CUP (PAPPC) AWARDS were presented to the winners of the tournament.

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Weird, indeed, and wonderful, too

By Lawrence W. Papp

IT WAS WEIRD, indeed, and wonderful, too, as the UAAP championship games were held in a unique setting.

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TV network official asks prosecutor to inhibit self from case



RIOT POLICE
Riot police were on guard to clear the streets of Manila City of rioters.

By Julie M. Kaulo

AN OFFICIAL OF A TELEVISION network has asked the Queen City Prosecutor's Office to inhibit itself from the final resolution of the charges filed against him by police and other network executives for his actions in the case.

Julio M. Kaulo, a CBS network executive, asked the Department of Justice (DOJ) to ask the court of criminal justice to inhibit itself from the case. Kaulo's complaint against him, which was earlier dismissed for lack of probable cause.

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Ex-city mayor files complaint vs incumbent

By Beverly T. Matwied

HOW CAN A COMBATER DEAL with the local government who won't pay the P10 million worth of rice and other supplies?

That was the question asked by a former Calabarzon City mayor in a complaint he filed last month with the Commission on Audit and Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Reynaldo Malonzo, former Calabarzon mayor, asked the two government agencies to probe the legality of rice transactions made by incumbent city officials. The purchase of P10 million worth of rice and other supplies was the subject of the complaint.

In both cases, the donor was the Philippine City-based R. T. Corporation Inc. (RTC).

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Don't distribute relief goods yourself

ON TARGET

By Julie M. Kaulo

THESE DAYS, it's not enough to have a good heart...

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DOLE to send nurses to flood-hit barangays

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Rescued flood victim

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2 tourists lose P77,000 to thieves

By Suzanne L. Andrade

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\$300B lost: Super-rich in US getting poorer



BUFFETT Agrees to sell

NEW YORK—THE SUPER-RICH are getting poorer with the 400 wealthiest Americans losing \$300 billion of net worth in the last 12 months, according to a new report by the investment firm, Wolfensohn & Co. The report, which is the most comprehensive yet, found that the 400 wealthiest Americans lost \$300 billion of net worth in the last 12 months, according to a new report by the investment firm, Wolfensohn & Co. The report, which is the most comprehensive yet, found that the 400 wealthiest Americans lost \$300 billion of net worth in the last 12 months, according to a new report by the investment firm, Wolfensohn & Co.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY Underdog photo shows Greek Socialist leader George Papandreou with his family. Papandreou, 68, won a landslide victory over a coalition of right-wing parties in the 17th general election, securing 154 of the 340 seats in the Hellenic Parliament.

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The World

John L. Givens Jr., Dallas

Jordanian teen in Dallas bomb plot faces hearing

FBI says he tried to use a weapon of mass destruction

DALLAS—A TEENAGER FROM JORDAN WHO IS accused of trying to blow up a Dallas skyscraper appears in federal court on Monday for a hearing to decide if there is enough evidence to move ahead with his prosecution.

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Indonesia abandons search for life under quake rubble

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Argentine singer Sosa, who fought dictators with voice, dies at age 74

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA—Argentine folk singer Mercedes Sosa, who fought Argentine military dictatorship with her voice and became a global icon of contemporary Latin American music, died on Monday at age 74, her family said.

Sosa had been in intensive care in a hospital for days with kidney problems. Her body was taken to the Argentine hospital in Buenos Aires for public viewing on Sunday afternoon and her remains were to be cremated on Monday local media reported.

Known affectionately as La Negra, the Black One due to her dark hair and skin-tone, Sosa had been a vocal supporter of the poor and fighting for

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Argentine singer Mercedes Sosa, left, performs last Friday night at the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires on April 28, 1995, photo.

M-150 Unleashed! Race Flags Off at Ortigas Home Depot

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Trial to begin in Idaho girl's hypothermia Christmas death

BOISE, IDAHO—ELEVEN YEAR-OLD KYLE ANGELO, who died last Christmas Day, is set to go to trial on Monday for the death of his 11-year-old sister, KYLE.

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Over 1M premature babies die each year

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RP: Maintain stimulus efforts

Central banks across the globe prefer to take it slow and easy

By Michelle K. Nares

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS SAID it was still too early to reverse pump-priming efforts to boost the economy—a belief shared by central banks of other emerging markets during a meeting with International Monetary Fund officials in Istanbul, Turkey.

Representatives of central banks across the globe, including the Philippines, have reached a consensus that any withdrawal of stimulus measures must be done in a gradual manner in order to prevent the economies from falling into recession. The Philippines' central bank Governor Amado T. Tugano said, "It's not clear [from the discussion] in the immediate future that any withdrawal [of stimulus] should be undertaken solely on the basis of the present recovery that we are currently seeing," Tugano said in an interview with the Inquirer.

Central banks also agreed that measures should be put in place to restore bank balance sheets while keeping to avoid fiscal sustainability, Tugano added.



INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund's managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn (right), Philippine Finance Minister and BSP Governor Amado T. Tugano (left) and BSP's Deputy Managing Director Johny J. Dela Cruz (center) during the meeting at the National Congress Center in Turkey.

IMF's Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn (right) with Philippine Finance Minister and BSP Governor Amado T. Tugano (left) and BSP's Deputy Managing Director Johny J. Dela Cruz (center) during the meeting at the National Congress Center in Turkey.

"This is really in line with our own thinking. As you know, we have maintained our interest rates during the last policy meeting to continue providing support to economic growth given the inevitable inflation outlook," Strauss-Kahn said.

To help boost a slowing domestic economy, the IMF capital markets division of policy set rates from December to July. The IMF's view is that borrowing and lending rates were not in line with the 4 and 5 percent, respectively.

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Export pickup seen in Q4

THE COUNTRY'S EXPORTS MAY FINALLY grow in the fourth quarter, as global demand picks up with the gradual recovery of the major economies from recession.

This was according to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and the University of Asia and the Pacific, which said in their joint quarterly research publication that the advance sign of the economic revival on export side is already evident in the third quarter.

According to the study, demand from industrial nations, led by the United States, was starting to increase following steep decline caused by the crisis.

"The global economy is coming to life, getting out of recession, as optimistic numbers were coming out in large economies such as the United States," it said.

The study said the country's exports were expected to register a decline of only 20 percent for the full year, down from the 30 percent average, because of the export-led recovery in the fourth quarter.

From January to July, exports fell 31.7 percent to \$23.3 billion from \$35.4 billion in the same period last year.

Exports had been falling since the fourth quarter of 2008.

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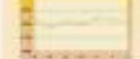
In rescue mode, gov't lifts taxes, banks waive fees

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Shares close flat
 SHARE PRICES FELL SLIGHTLY today, helped from the strong performance of foreign stocks, ahead of the September quarter.

Source: PSE

By Dennis C. Gonzalez and Michelle K. Nares

GOVERNMENT AND FINANCIAL institutions have agreed to waive penalties fees, apart from authorizing risk-taking programs to help households affected by Tropical Storm "Ondoy."

Also, the Department of Finance said that it will waive the 10 percent tax on the sale of shares of stock in the event of a calamity.

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Higher RP growth seen despite 'Ondoy'

By Ronald K. Dominguez

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY may report a growth rate higher than previous expectations despite the damage from Tropical Storm "Ondoy," which may have been compensated by domestic demand, according to an investment research report by UBS.

UBS forecasts the 4Q, which is just of the year-end group, and forecasts a growth rate of 4.5 percent, up from 4.0 percent in the 3Q.

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SPEX seeks 4th gas deal for Malampaya

By Amy R. Buncio

MALLAMAPA EXPLORATION (MEX) is seeking a fourth gas sale and purchase agreement for the 988 megawatt gas-fired power plant in Malampaya deep-sea gas project, according to a company official.

Since June 2007, MEX has entered into three gas sale and purchase agreements with the 988 megawatt gas-fired power plant in Malampaya deep-sea gas project, according to a company official.

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Rural banks urged to ease farm loan terms in calamity areas

Easing of payment terms pushed

By Felix T. Ochoa

THE RURAL BANKS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (RBAF) is pushing to ensure that in case of flooding, damage to crops and loss of equipment to farmers in areas directly affected by Typhoon Ondoy and other typhoons.

The call was made amid news that the damage arising from the storm could be as high as 100,000 hectares of farmland.

RBAF president Juan S. Garcia said members banks could offer farmers special relief, such as waiving or deferring loan payments, and easing of payment terms.

"It is up to each rural bank to determine the appropriate risk depending on the extent of destruction in their areas," he said.

The call, according to Garcia, is addressed to rural banks in all areas affected by "Ondoy" and "Typhoon".

Garcia said RBAF was helping affected members banks cope with the difficulties arising from "Ondoy" and "Typhoon".

The regulators had previously issued a call for the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for the granting of regulatory relief to rural banks in areas affected by "Ondoy".

"We thank the BSP for its quick response," Garcia said. However, he said, RBAF was seeking the same regulatory relief from the BSP for rural banks in areas affected by "Typhoon".

In addition to flexibility in loan terms, RBAF members in calamity-hit areas are

urging their own member banks to help the government that are suffering.

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MARILYN ELECTRIC CO. (MERCOC), THE country's largest power distributor, has inked a P3-billion loan agreement with Union Bank of the Philippines.

The loan was fully drawn yesterday, the company said.

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Capt. Chesley B. Sullenberger III, 57, a former military and pilot pilot, was trained to choose a landing location for his plane in the event of an emergency. The result landed over the Hudson River and within minutes, it was still intact for slowly sinking. Yet, all the 155 occupants were miraculously rescued.

Consequently, the crew was awarded the Captain's Medal of the United States and the Wings for their heroism. The National Transportation Safety Board said of Sullenberger and his colleagues: "These people know what they were supposed to do and they did it well, as a result, nobody lost their life."

"The (Sullenberger) just did it without allowing words thoughts of fear or anxiety or thinking 'What if it is maybe that,'" said Sullenberger, international speaker and author, *Against All Odds*. "The act was a (self-) inspired, self-motivated, very intense what needs to happen. Doing that provided safety."

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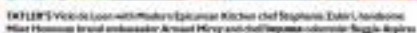
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